UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST SANTA CATALINA RANGER DISTRICT

TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this order, and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A, all within the Santa Catalina Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Pima County, Arizona:

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1. To use, park or leave a motor vehicle. 36 CFR 261.54(a) and 261.58(g)
- 2. Possessing, storing, or transporting any bird, fish, or other animal or parts thereof, or any part of a tree or other plant. 36 CFR 261.58(s) and 261.58(t)
- 3. Hunting, fishing or camping. 36 CFR 261.58(v) and 261.58(e)
- 4. To build, maintain, attend, or use a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 CFR 261.52(a)

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State or Local Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The closure area is commonly known as Upper Sabino Canyon Riparian Area, located northwest of the private community of Summerhaven within Township 11 South, Range 15 East, Section 25.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this order is to allow for the protection of public health, safety, and property, and to provide for a continued quality environment. There are many problems associated with heavy recreational use in the Upper Sabino Canyon Riparian Area. Heavy use could negatively impact the watershed and disturb the endangered Mexican Spotted Owl. Wildfire could damage this important watershed and the spotted owl habitat. Improper human sanitation could also negatively impact the downstream water quality.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Order Number 03-05-05-16-010

- 1. This order shall be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2017, or until rescinded, whichever is earlier.
- 2. This order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this order.
- 3. Any violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b)(6), 18 USC 3581(b)(7)].

Signed in Tucson, Arizona, this

day of Februar, 2016.

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